LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method for providing a user with a customized data based on a user profile, the method comprising the steps of:

collecting electronic data based on the user profile;

storing the collected data in a database;

sending to the user a checksum of the collected data;

receiving from the user an indication of data previously sent to the user <u>based on the checksum</u>; and

sending to the user the electronic data that has not been previously sent to the user.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising a step of deleting from the database electronic data that has been previously sent to the user.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of sending electronic data comprises a step of compressing electronic data into a streaming data format.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, where in the user profile identifies the type of data to be collected and stored in the database.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the electronic data is collected on the Internet.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the collected data comprises one or more of articles, images, and multimedia files.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the collected data is a healthcare related data.

14. (previously presented) A system for providing a user with a customized data based on a user profile:

a server component operable to collect electronic data based on the user profile and to generate a checksum of the collected data to be send to the user;

a database coupled to the server component for storing the collected data; and

a client component residing on a computer of the user and operable to receive a checksum of the collected data from the server, to determine from the received checksum data previously sent to the user, and to send to the server component an indication of data previously sent to the user.

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15. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the server component is further operable to delete from the database electronic data previously sent to the user.

16. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, where in the server component is further operable to compress electronic data to be send to the user into a streaming data format.

17. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the user profile identifies the type of data to be collected by the server component and stored in the database.

18. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the electronic data is collected on the Internet.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the collected data comprises one or more of articles, images, and multimedia files.

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the collected data is a healthcare related data.

21. (currently amended) A method for customizing electronic data based on a user profile, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving from a server a checksum of electronic data collected by the server based on the user profile;

identifying from the received checksum data previously sent by the server;

sending to the server an indication of data previously sent by the server based on the checksum; and

receiving from the server electronic data that has not been previously sent by the server.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the electronic data comprises one or more of articles, images, and multimedia files.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the electronic data is a healthcare related data.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of receiving electronic data from the server comprising receiving electronic data in a streaming data format.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the sent checksum identifies one or more collected data items.

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26. (previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the generated checksum of the collected data identifies one or more collected data items.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the checksum received from the server identifies one or more data items.